IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) Method for the plasma-nitriding of precipitation-hardenable stainless steels or maraging steels, characterized in that the maraging steel is a stainless maraging steel, and the plasma-nitriding is carried out at a temperature below 500°C.

2. (original) Method according claim 1, characterized in that stainless steel products, like shaver parts, machine parts, and cutting tools, can be produced in required dimensions, before the plasma-nitriding is carried out.

3. (currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the plasma-nitriding is carried out simultaneously with or consecutively to precipitation-hardening.

4. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the plasma-nitriding and/or precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature chosen to lie between 300° and 500°C, preferably from 370 to 380°C, more preferably 375°C.

5. (original) Shaver cap for an electric shaver, made of maraging or precipitation-hardenable stainless steel, characterized in that the maraging steel or stainless steel shaver cap is plasma-nitrided at a temperature below 500°C.

6. (original) Cutting device made of maraging or precipitation hardenable stainless steel, characterized in that that the maraging steel or stainless steel is plasma-nitrided at a temperature below 500°C.

7. (currently amended) Electric shaver comprising at least one of the cutting elements according ~~any of the claims 1 to 6~~to claim 1.